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Dear Mum, Dad / Carers

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to see our children happily return to school with smiles on their faces. All of our children and staff have returned safely after a lovely summer holiday. It has been great for everyone to return to some kind of normality. Children were happy to see their friends and teachers. They have settled very well and are already working very hard to catch-up with their education. They have not had an uninterrupted education for the last 2 years; Y6 were in Y3, Y5 were in Y2, Y4 were in Y1, Y3 were in Reception, Y2 were in nursery, and Y1 and Reception hadn't even started in nursery!

Staff

Staffing remains the same at Mill Lane this year.

Free Breakfast Club

Unlike other schools, Mill Lane continues to offer a FREE breakfast to EVERY child in school. Children have a choice of healthy cereal or warm bagels.

Parent Consultations

Next month class teachers will send you details of parent consultations which are being held 3:15pm – 5pm on 12th and 14th October. Online consultations will be available if you are unable to attend in person.

Nuts

We have a child in school who has a severe allergy to nuts. Please do not send in nuts of any kind and please check packaging for nut content.

Residentials

We are currently working hard to organise and book residentials for our Key Stage 2 children. Y5 & Y6 will have the opportunity to go to Disney Land Paris, and Y3 & Y4 will have the opportunity to go to either Robin Hood's Bay, Edinburgh or London in June 2022. School is VERY heavily subsidising the cost through fund raising to keep cost to parents and carers to an absolute minimum. Parents and carers will be able to make payments of approximately £5 a week. **No** child from this school will miss out on any key educational trips or opportunities because of money. If you are unable to pay by May, please speak to Mrs Skillcorn.

Paperwork

Please return signed paperwork to school as soon as possible. It is important that details such as phone numbers are kept up to date. Please remember to let us know if you change your phone. Please also let us know if you are in receipt of benefits as we are able to claim more funding for your child.

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Holiday Club

A huge thank you to Mr Nixon and his team for the work undertaken during the summer holidays to provide a holiday club. We applied for a grant to fund this, but unfortunately the grant stipulated that it

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was only for children entitled to benefits related free school meals. The Philanthropic Society gave school a grant for hot lunches too.

Attendance

If children attend school all week and are not late, they will receive a small chocolate bar at the end of the week. If they achieve 100% attendance with no lates for a full term, they will enjoy a lovely treat. If they achieve 100% attendance for the whole year, they will receive a wonderful treat. Please continue to make sure that holidays are **NOT** taken during term time and that children are **ONLY** kept off school if they need to see a doctor or take a Covid PCR test. They need to come to school if they just have a tummy ache or headache. Parents are fined or taken to court for non-attendance.

Uniform

Children have returned to school looking extremely smart in their school uniforms. Please make sure that children wear black school shoes and not trainers. Unlike other schools, Mill Lane provides every child with a FREE sweatshirt, book bag, PE shorts, PE T-shirt, breakfast, after school clubs and a free water bottle. Parents need only supply black plimsolls or trainers for PE.

Coronavirus Update

We continue to maintain the highest standards at Mill Lane and we have had **NO** cases of Covid-this year. We **MUST** continue to follow government guidance. If your child has a new continuous cough, high temperature, or loss of taste or smell, please keep them at home and arrange a PCR test by calling 119 or via the website, nhs.uk/coronavirus. If it is negative, they can return to school. If it is positive, then please keep them at home **AND** let us know. Work will be sent for them to complete. Brothers and sisters must still come to school unless they also test positive.

School Information

We endeavour to keep parents up to date with school life. Information can be found on our school website, www.milllane.org.uk and updates are posted on Twitter and Facebook. Please 'like' our page for updates. Parental support of your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; wheelchair access; explaining issues over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender or the involvement of an interpreter. As you know, staff work incredibly hard at Mill Lane to ensure children are happy and very well educated. If you have any compliments or complaints, I am always happy to listen, act and explain.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Come and join us for our coffee morning this Friday, 24th September on the KS2 school yard, 8:45am - 10:30am.

Dates for your Diary

<i>Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th October</i>	Parent & Carer Consultations 3:15pm - 5:00pm
<i>Friday 22nd October</i>	Break up for half term holiday
<i>Monday 1st November</i>	Return to school
<i>Friday 17th December</i>	Break up for Christmas holiday
<i>Tuesday 4th January</i>	Return to school (Monday 3 rd is a bank holiday)
<i>Friday 18th February</i>	Break up for half term holiday
<i>Monday 28th February</i>	Return to school
<i>Friday 8th April</i>	Break up for Easter holiday
<i>Monday 25th April</i>	Return to school
<i>Friday 27th May</i>	Break up for half term holiday
<i>Monday 6th June</i>	Return to school

Yours sincerely
Mrs Skillcorn
Head Teacher